

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/910,281

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amend. filed 7/22/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 51-68, 72-91 renumbered 1-38.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☒ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 9/17/04.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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PRIMARY EXAMINER



### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffrey Bamber on September 16, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **The Claims:**

In claim 51, line 16, after "optionally," delete "a".

In claim 51, line 16, after "wherein" insert – the total amount --.

In claim 51, line 20, delete "about".

In claim 52, line 2, delete "about".

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Note that, Applicant's amendments, Applicant's arguments, and the Examiner's Amendment are sufficient to place the instant claims in condition for allowance.

Of the references of record, the most pertinent are Han et al (US 5,102,573) or Kacher et al (US 5,891,863). Han et al liquid caustic-free, pre-spotting compositions that remove baked-on food residues from hard surfaces at ambient temperatures which comprise from about 1 to 40% of a surfactant, from about 1 to 10% of a builder, from about 0.2% to 2% of an amine, water, and solvent. See Abstract. The pH of the

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composition is about 9 and in some instances, the pH is 10. See column 9, line 30 to column 10, line 18. Note that, all of the examples of Han et al teach compositions having a pH of 9 or 10 and there is nothing in Han et al which would point, direct, or motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to formulate a composition having a pH of at least 10.5 as recited by the instant claims.

Kacher et al teach microemulsion compositions comprising from about 20% to 40% of a specific type of anionic surfactant, from 3% to 10% of a certain type of nonionic surfactant, from about 2% to 6% of a suds booster, from about 50% to 75% of an aqueous liquid carrier, from about 2% to 7% of a liquid hydrocarbon and from 2% to 10% of a microemulsion-forming solvent. See column 2, lines 40-60. However, Kacher et al teach a required amount of surfactant which far exceeds 0.05% to about 10% of total surfactant, if present, as recited by the instant claims.

None of the references of record, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a hard surface cleaning composition having the specific pH and surface tension containing an organic solvent system, water, optionally, a surfactant, and the other requisite components of the composition in the specific proportions as recited by the instant claims. Accordingly, since the prior art fails to teach or suggest such a composition as recited by the instant claims, the instant claims are deemed allowable.

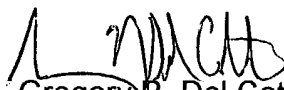
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory R. Del Cotto whose telephone number is (571) 272-1312. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. thru Fri. from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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